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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

In response to the Communication mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 18, 2002, for which the period set for response expires on January 18, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following Supplemental Response in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

The undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Novosad for her courtesy in permitting Applicant to submit this paper to correct an inadvertent oversight in the Preliminary Amendment, filed with the Request for Continued Examination on November 4, 2002.

Insofar as the instant patent application is subject to a species election, and in accordance with MPEP 809.02(a), Applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 24-30 and 39-42 are readable upon the elected species of FIGS. 1, 2, and 3A. Applicant reserves all of its rights in the non-designated claims, including the right to maintain hereafter that additional claims may read upon the elected species.

CONCLUSION

Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the application and the claims in light of the Preliminary Amendment, and respectfully submits that at least all of claims 24-42 are in

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condition for allowance. Applicant further submits that, based on the art of record, all of claims 1-42 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes that no extension of time or other fee is required for this Supplemental Response to be entered and considered. Please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any outstanding issues.


Respectfully submitted,

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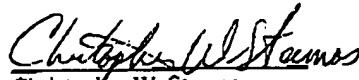
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